# Clark County Department of Building & Fire Prevention 4701 West Russell Road, Las Vegas, NV 89118 ~ (702) 455-3000

# **Grading Building Permit Guide**

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#### Part I. General Information

You must obtain Land Use Approval from the Clark County Planning Commission and/or Board of County Commissioners. Grading Plan submittals are reviewed by Current Planning Zoning Plans Check, Public Works Development Review and Building Department Engineering Division to verify compliance with applicable codes and ordinances. Permits will not be issued until all requirements are met and plan has been approved.

## **Part II. Grading Plan Review Process**

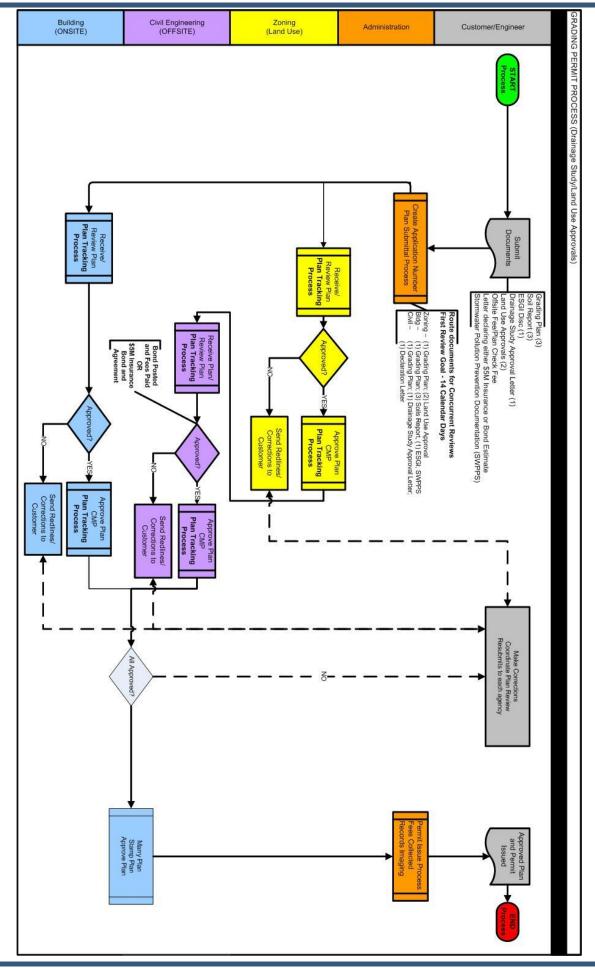
1. Customer/Engineer applicant submits a Building Permit application with grading plan and supporting documents to Plan Submittal division.

#### Submittal requirements include:

- **Completed Building Permit Application**
- One (1) copy of the drainage study approval letter and drainage study approved plans
- Two (2) copies of Notice of Final Action for land use approvals
- Three (3) copies of the Wet stamped Grading Plan, four (4) copies if applicant requires a copy of the approved plan with signatures upon permit issuance. Standard notes 1-5 (Section 3.5.1 of the DMP Guidance Manual) must be on the site/grading plans for projects that exceed one or more acres.
- Two (2) original copies of the geotechnical (soils) report dated within the last twelve (12) months.
- One (1) copy of the Electronic Submittal of Geotechnical Information (ESGI) CD and one (1) photocopy of the geotechnical report.
- Stormwater Pollution Prevention (SWPPs) documentation
- Plan Check fee
- Bond fee estimate or letter declaring \$5M Insurance (\$5M Insurance has to be posted and agreement signed before permit issuance)
- 2. Permit Specialist validates the submittal package and assigns an application tracking number. The submittal package is then routed to Current Planning Zoning Plans Check and Building Department Engineering Division for a concurrent plan review. (See Appendix A for high level workflow process. See Appendix B Grading Plan Review Checklist for a comprehensive list of plan

requirements).

- 3. Current Planning Zoning Plans Check reviews plan to verify compliance with Title 30 and will coordinate any corrections/revisions with the applicant. Current Planning Zoning Plans Check will forward to Public Works Development Review upon approval of the plans.
- 4. Public Works Development Review Plans Examiner conducts a plan review of the grading plans and will coordinate any corrections/revisions with the applicant.
- 5. Building Department Engineering Division reviews the geotechnical (soils) report and grading plan to ensure there are no building code violations and will coordinate any corrections/revisions with the applicant.
- 6. Applicant/Engineer submits any required inspections to the appropriate plan review division. It is important that the applicant/engineer coordinate their submittals such that corrections from each plan review division are incorporated on each set of plans.
- 7. After the grading plan is approved, the Building Department Engineering Division coordinates the approval process and submits to a Permit Specialist for fee workup.
- 8. Prior to permit issuance, the Customer/Engineer must submit the Dust Permit from Air Quality and Tortoise Mitigation and a signed Quality Assurance Agreement (QAA).
- 9. Pursuant to Clark County Code Title24 Chapter 24.40 related to stormwater compliance, additional items as outline in Section 3.5.1 of the Las Vegas Valley Construction Site Best Management Practices Guidance Manual (BMP Guidance Manual) must be submitted prior to permit issuance.



The requirements on this checklist are not intended to be all inclusive, nor do they entail a limit to the extent of the information, etc., which may be necessary to properly evaluate the submitted plans.

General information
Excavations, Fills & Hillside Grading
Foundations & Wood Construction
Basement
Geotechnical Requirements – Soils Report
Zoning Requirements
Storm water Compliance Requirements

#### **Code References Used:**

**ACI-318:** Section 4.3 – sulfate exposures and requirements

**ASCE 7.05:** Section 11.8 geologic hazard and geotechnical investigation report; requirements for liquefaction evaluation

BMP: Las Vegas Valley
Construction Site BMP Guidance
Manual Section 3.5.1 – Standard
notes 1-5 for Stormwater Runoff
Management Program

**HCDDM** – Hydrologic Criteria and Drainage Design Manual

IBC - International Building Code

**NAC** – Nevada Administrative Code

NRS - Nevada Revised Statutes

**PTI** – Section 1805.8.2 of the IBC refers PTI for P/T Slab-on-grade requirements

**PDPP** – Policy and Procedures

**SF2** – Standard Form2

**SNBCA** – Southern NV Building Code Amendments SNBCA Appendix J, Section 104 SNBCA Sections 1802, 1803, 1805 **Supplement** Clark County Supplement to Uniform STD Drawings & Spec. Chapter 2, 1 B

**Title 30** – Clark County Unified Development Code

30.8 - Definition

30.16 - Land Use Application

30.24 – Planned Unit Development

30.36 – Zoning Districts and Maps

30.48 – Zoning Overlay Districts

30.56 – Site Development

Standards

30.60 – Parking & Loading Regulations

30.64 – Site Landscape & Screening Standards

1	#	Grading Plan Requirements - General	Building Review Code Reference	Civil Review Code Reference
	1	Minimum Required Sheet Size: 24" x 36"		HCDDM SF2
	2	All sheets must be legible – must be reproducible in our electronic files		HCDDM SF2
	3	Legend identifying CC approved Standard Symbols and Abbreviations		HCDDM SF2
	4	North Arrow and Bar scale (on each sheet) 1" = 60' Smallest		HCDDM SF2
	5	Registered design professional/Engineer original seal (wet seal), signature and date or a Records stamp and signature stating, "This is a true and exact copy of the original document on file in this office."	SNBCA J104.2	NAC 625.610
	6	Date and expiration date of Engineer's stamp		NAC 625.610
	7	Engineer's name, address, phone number & fax		NAC 625.611
	8	Revision Box		HCDDM SF2
	9	Project Name – address and location of property	NAC 625.611	NAC 625.611
	10	General vicinity of the proposed site and vicinity map.	SNBCA J104.2	HCDDM SF2
	11	Property line limits and accurate contours of existing ground and details of terrain and area drainage.	SNBCA J104.2	HCDDM SF2
	12	Limiting dimensions, elevations or finish contours to be achieved by the grading, proposed drainage channels and related construction.  Proposed contours Pad elevations or finished grades at all building corners	SNBCA J104.2	HCDDM SF2
	13	Location of any buildings or structures on the property where the work is to be performed and the location of any buildings or structures on land of adjacent owners that are within 100 feet of the property or that may be affected by the proposed grading operation. Existing adjacent finish floor elevations that are within 100 feet of the property or may be affected by the proposed grading operation	SNBCA J104.2	HCDDM SF2
	14	Recommendations included in geotechnical and the engineering geology report shall be incorporated in the grading plans or specifications as follows:  (a) Locations and dimension of all cut and fill slopes (b) Locations of all cross sections presented in the geotechnical report (c) Locations and sizes of all recommended remedial measures such as buttress fills, stability fills, deep foundation systems, reinforced earth, retaining walls, etc. (d) Location and layout of proposed sub-drainage system.	SNBCA J104	
	15	A statement that the site shall be graded in accordance with the approved geotechnical report. This statement shall include the firm name that prepared the geotechnical report, the report number, and the date of the geotechnical report.	SNBCA J104.2	
	16	Locations of other existing topographic features whether natural or manmade such as streets, drainage structures, mapped faults, pavements, walls, etc.  Existing condition of the streets: Paved/Gravel/Unimproved Proposed driveway location(s) and elevations	SNBCA J104.2	HCDDM SF2 HCDDM SF2

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	17	The cut to fill transition line (where no over-excavation is required).	SNBCA J104.2	
	18	Details and cross sections at property lines, fence walls, retaining walls, berms, etc.  Proposed retaining walls and top of wall elevations  Details of retaining walls, showing maximum total height of retaining wall & screen wall  Details of fences/block walls & beams (existing and proposed)  Details of flood walls and footings  Details of drainage swales  Details of block wall openings for drainage (existing and proposed)  Detail of sidewalk under drains	SNBCA J104.2	HCDDM SF2
	19	Details and cross sections of typical fill slopes and cut slopes.	SNBCA J104.2	HCDDM SF2
	20	Typical details of fill-over-natural slopes and fill-over-cut slopes where fill is to be placed on natural or cut slopes steeper than 5H:1V in accordance with Section J107.	SNBCA J104.2	
	21	Elevation datum and benchmark as established by the NAVD88, Clark County benchmark	SNBCA J104.2	HCDDM SF2
	22	Existing contours must extend at least 100 feet beyond the property lines.	SNBCA J104.2	HCDDM SF2
	23	Proposed finish contours or spot elevations at the property corners and at swale flow lines.  • Elevations at all lot corners and along lot lines.  • Spot elevations, drainage arrows, flow line elevations, and grade breaks	SNBCA J104.2	HCDDM SF2
	24	Elevation of curbs, crown elevation, or centerline of roads or streets.  Top of curb or edge of pavement and crown elevations at lot lines and/or extension of lot lines  Street names (Public or Private)	SNBCA J104.2	HCDDM SF2
	25	Earthwork quantities in cubic yards.	SNBCA J104.2	
	26	<ul> <li>Finish floor elevation(s).</li> <li>Finish floor elevations for any sunken floors</li> <li>Minimum finish floor Elevation = FULL NUMBER PLUS TWODECIMALS (0000.00)</li> <li>Minimum finish floor elevation – 18" above centerline or top of curb • whichever is greater (Clark County Supplement to Uniform STD Drawings)</li> </ul>	SNBCA J104.2	HCDDM SF2
	27	Setback dimensions of cut and fill slopes from site boundaries per Section J108.	SNBCA J104.2	HCDDM SF2
	28	Drainage Across Property Lines – concentrated drainage not allowed unless easement.	SNBCA J109.4	HCDDM SF2
	29	Location of fault lines and setbacks.	SNBCA 1805.1.1	HCDDM SF2
	30	Base flood Elevation in Zone A, AE, AH, AO, reference FIRM or approved Drainage Study		HCDDM SF2
	31	Limits of flood zones, reference FIRM Panel, Series & Date		HCDDM SF2

<b>√</b>	#	Grading Plan Requirements - Excavations, Fills & Hillside Grading: (SNBCA Appendix J)	Building Review Code Reference
	1	Maximum Slope. The slope of cut surface shall be no steeper than 2H:1V, otherwise, provide a slope stability analysis.	SNBCA Appendix J 106.1
	2	Building Placement. The placement of buildings and structures on and or adjacent to slopes steeper than 3H:1V (33.3% slope) shall be in accordance with Section 1808.7.	
	3	Benching/Key. Check for areas of existing terrain with a slope greater than 5:1. Ensure the grading plan incorporates the recommendations of the soils report and Appendix J for the placement of fill on slopes steeper than 5:1. Provide details and cross sections of typical fill slopes and cut slopes. Locate key on grading plan.	SNBCA Appendix J107.3
	4	Setbacks. Cut & fill slopes shall be set back from foundations per Figure J108.1.	SNBCA Appendix J108
	5	J108.1 SNBCA Appendix J108.5Provide the locations and dimensions of all terrace drains for all slopes steeper than 3H:1V, as required.	
	6	Terracing Check slopes steeper than 3H:1V (30' high) for terracing requirements.	SNBCA Appendix J109.2
	7	Interceptor Drains Provide the locations and dimensions of all terrace drains for all slopes steeper than 3H:1V.	SNBCA Appendix J109.3
	8	Erosion Control Applies when slopes greater than 3H:1V, 20' in height.	SNBCA Appendix J110

1	#	Grading Plan Requirements – Foundations & Wood Construction:	Building Review Code Reference
		The plan shall show positive drainage of a minimum 5% away from foundations for 10' or to swale; exception – sand and gravel site or low expansive clay/silt (2%). Swales shall slope a minimum of 1%.	SNBCA 1804.3
	2	Where wood wall construction is used, finish grades shall allow for a minimum 8" of clearance from the finish floor elevation to the adjacent exterior grade (soil/landscape).	

1	#	Grading Plan Requirements – Basements:	Building Review Code Reference
	1	Structures with basements must show:  All openings to basement Top of Window well/bottom of window (if no well) elevations Positive drainage away from all basements openings Basement finish floor/an improved administrative waiver of finished floor Main Floor Finish Floor	SNBCA J104.2
	2	Foundation walls shall be designed to support the weight of the full hydrostatic pressure backfill without drainage unless a drainage system is installed.	IBC 1805

1	#	Geotechnical Requirements - Soils Report:	Building Review Code Reference
	1	Engineer original seal, signature, and date on at least one copy of the soils report.	NRS
	2	All geotechnical reports must be current within the last 12 months. Any report older than 12 months must be accompanied by a wet sealed update letter addressing the current site conditions based on a recent site visit.	SNBCA 1803.6
	3	A plot showing the location of test borings and/or excavations. The plot shall be dimensioned and show the location of all existing structures.	SNBCA 1803.6
	4	Minimum number/depth of required explorations.	SNBCA 1803.6
	5	A complete record of the soil samples, a record of the soil profile and depth of the water table, if encountered.	SNBCA 1803.6
	6	Recommendations for foundation type and design criteria, including but not limited to: bearing capacity and mitigation of the effects of expansive soils (See 1802.3.2 SNBCA), liquefaction, differential settlement, varying soil strength, adjacent loads, collapsible soils, soluble soils, chemical heave, and corrosive soils.	SNBCA 1803.6 ASCE 7.05 Section 11.8
	7	Expected total and differential settlement. Provide backup test data and supporting calculations when the allowable soil bearing pressure exceeds 4,000 psf.	SNBCA 1803.6
	8	Pile and pier foundation information in accordance with IBC 1810.	SNBCA 1803.6
	9	Special design and construction provisions for footings or foundations founded on expansive soils.	SNBCA 1803.6
	10	Soil classification by the USCS. Backup data on test performed shall be included.	SNBCA 1803.6
	11	Classify the expansion level of the soil and specify the minimum embedment depth per Table 1808.6.1.1.	SNBCA 1803.6
	12	Address the possible impacts on adjoining properties and mitigating measures to be undertaken.	SNBCA 1803.6
	13	Suitability of onsite soils for use as fill material.	SNBCA 1803.6
	14	Provide the grading requirements for onsite and import soils including, but not limited to, swell, solubility, and sulfates.	SNBCA 1802.6.14 ACI 318 section 4.3
	15	Geotechnical design considerations for drainage structures.	SNBCA 1803.6
	16	Trenching or other special procedures for determining fault and fissure locations and procedures for mitigating geological hazards.	SNBCA 1803.6
	17	Erosion control requirements, as applicable (SNBCA Appendix J110).	SNBCA 1803.6
	18	Anticipated structural loads and type of proposed structure.	SNBCA 1803.6
	19	Site Class. Backup data required if A, B, or C is assumed.	SNBCA 1613.5.5
	20	All lateral earth pressures and seismic forces shall be reported in psf/ft and distributions expressed in graphical form. All resulting forces must have a recommendation on wall placement location.	SNBCA 1803.6
	21	For projects in SDC D or greater determine the lateral pressure on basement and retaining walls due to earthquake motions.	SNBCA 1610.1.1
	22	Ensure the soils report addresses the placement of fill on slopes steeper than 5:1, as needed.	SNBCA Appendix J107, J109
	23	When a post-tensioned slab-on-ground is recommended the geotechnical report must specify the all soil parameters as required by Section 1805.8.2.	SNBCA 1803.6 PTI
	24	Compacted fill properties and testing in accordance with Section 1803.4 SNBCA. Provide provisions to mitigate the effects of collapsible soils, soluble soils, uncontrolled fill, chemical heave, and corrosive soils.	SNBCA 1803.6

1	#	Geotechnical Requirements - Soils Report:	Building Review Code Reference
	25	Specifications for the preparation of the site prior to fill placement.	SNBCA 1803.6
	26	Specifications for materials to be used as compacted fill.	SNBCA 1803.6
	27	Test method to be used to determine the maximum dry density and optimum moisture content of the fill.	SNBCA 1803.6
	28	Maximum allowable thickness of each lift.	SNBCA 1803.6
	29	Field test method for determining the in place dry density of the fill.	SNBCA 1803.6
	30	Minimum acceptable in place dry density.	SNBCA 1803.6
	31	Number and frequency of field tests required to determine compliance.	SNBCA 1803.6
	32	Flooding or jetting shall not be used to compact fill material that will support footings or foundation systems.	SNBCA 1803.6
	33	Placement procedure for oversized fill material. No rock with a maximum dimension greater than 12" shall be placed in fills within 5 feet, measured vertically from the bottom of the foundation or lowest finished floor elevation.	SNBCA 1803.6
	34	Specify the level of special inspection required per Table 1704.7.	SNBCA 1803.6

 #	Zoning Requirements:	Zoning Review Code Reference (Title 30)
1	Final Action for Land Use must be approved, plan must show:  Uses of the parcel of land  Vacation/abandonment released to record  Hold harmless/VS not recorded  Conditions of approval from land use shown  Conformance to plans approved by commission action  Legal Description (plat book, parcel map, etc.)  Lot area, width, depth	30.16
2	<ul> <li>Habitat &amp; species conservation requirements (applicability)</li> <li>Zoning Overlay Districts requirements</li> </ul>	30.48
3	Odor Easement if applicable	30.46 30.08 (definition)
4	Site Development Standards requirements  Designated Natural areas Backing onto collector streets Separations Site Zones	30.56
5	Setbacks requirements	30.56.040
6	Planned Unit Development requirements	30.24
7	Landscape/Screening requirements  Landscape area/width in relation to property lines, pavement, streets, buildings, traffic control signs and devices, and sight visibility zones  Planter size/locations/easements Parking lot landscape 2' swale along street Trash enclosures	30.64
8	Parking and Loading Regulations requirements  Size and number of parking spaces (Sizes-angles-aisles)  HC-aisles-angles  Truck loading  RV spaces	30.60

<b>√</b>	#	Zoning Requirements:	Zoning Review Code Reference (Title 30)
	9	Fences and Walls  Retaining wall heights  Less intense use  Decorative rear  Decorative wall/fence in conjunction with landscaping  Landscape for walls  Redundant Walls  Flood control/drainage channel  Required Walls & locations w/detail sheets & cross sections	30.64.020 30.64.040

<b>V</b>	#	Stormwater Compliance Requirements The five standard notes below must be included on the site/grading plans for projects that exceed one or more acres	Building Review Code Reference
	1	Standard Note No. 1: The Owner, Site Developer, Contractor, and/or their authorized agents shall each day remove all sediment, mud, construction debris, or other potential pollutants that may have been discharged to, or accumulated in, the public rights of way of the [insert applicable jurisdiction] as a result of construction activities associated with this site development or construction project. Such materials shall be prevented from entering the storm sewer system.	BMP Section 3.5.1
	2	Standard Note No. 2: Additional construction site discharge best management practices may be required of the owner and his or her agents due to unforeseen erosion problems or if the submitted plan does not meet the performance standards specified in the [insert jurisdiction's ordinance reference] and the Las Vegas Valley Construction Site BMP Guidance Manual.	BMP Section 3.5.1
	3	Standard Note No. 3: Temporary or permanent stabilization practices will be installed on disturbed areas as soon as practicable and no later than 14 days after the construction activity in that portion of the site has temporarily or permanently ceased. Some exceptions may apply; refer to the Nevada Stormwater General Permit for Construction Activity NVR100000, Section III.A.5.	BMP Section 3.5.1
	4	Standard Note No. 4: At a minimum, the Contractor or his agent shall inspect all disturbed areas, areas used for storage of materials and equipment that are exposed to precipitation, vehicle entrance and exit locations, and all BMPs weekly, and within 24 hours after any rain event of 0.5 inches or more. The Contractor or his agent shall update or modify the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan as necessary. Some exceptions to weekly inspections may apply, such as suspension of land disturbance activities. Refer to the Nevada Stormwater General Permit for Construction Activity NVR100000, Section III.A.12.	BMP Section 3.5.1
	5	Standard Note No. 5: Accumulated sediment in BMPs shall be removed within seven days after a Stormwater runoff event or prior to the next anticipated storm event, whichever is earlier. Sediment must be removed when BMP design capacity has been reduced by 50 percent or more.	BMP Section 3.5.1

	Las Vegas Valley Stormwater Quality management program – Fill out and submit a copy of the Construction Permit Submittal Checklist.	BMP Section 3.5.1
	Las Vegas Valley Stormwater Quality management program – Fill out	BMP Section 3.5.1
8	Based on the checklist, if disturbed area is more than 1 acre unless adjacent to a wash. Section 3.5.1	BMP Section 3.5.1
	Submit a copy of NOI & a copy of the receipt for payment (or cancelled check sent to NDEP), or submit a copy of the letter of authorization form NDEP (A copy of the receipt for payment of the annual fee that is due at the time of filing is also acceptable).	RMD Section 3.5.1

Department	Department of Building & Fire Prevention Locations & Services						
MAIN OFFICE 4701 W. Russell Road Las Vegas, NV 89118 (702)455-3000	On-Site Plan Submittals All "Walk-Through" Plan Review / Permitting Functions Residential Tract Submittal / Permitting All Sub-Trade (Electrical, Plumbing & Mechanical) Permitting Building Inspection Scheduling Functions Fire Prevention Inspection Services Records	Temporary Certificate of Occupancy Submittals Building Inspections Building Inspector Inquiries Amusement / Transportation Systems Operation Certificates Approved Fabricators Quality Assurance Agency Listing					
LAUGHLIN OFFICE Regional Government Center 101 Civic Way Laughlin, NV 89029 (702)298-2436	Building Inspection Services Fire Prevention Inspection Services						
OVERTON OFFICE 320 North Moapa Valley Blvd. Overton, NV 89040 (702)397-8089	Building Inspection Services Fire Prevention Inspection Services						

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**Option 1:** For all Inspection services or to report a building code violation.

**Option 2:** For information regarding on-site permits or new plan submittals.

**Option 3:** For the Building Plans Examination division or QAA information.

**Option 4:** For the Zoning Plans Examination division.

**Option 5:** For information or copies regarding land development, construction documents, plans or permits.

**Option 6:** To speak with Management staff.

**Option #:** For hours of operation, Office location and website information.

Other Clark County Departments/Divisions/Districts		
Air Quality & Environmental Management	500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas NV	(702) 455-5942
Public Works, Development Review Services	500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas NV	(702) 455-6000
Comprehensive Planning	500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas NV	(702) 455-4314
Fire Department	575 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas NV	(702) 455-7316
Las Vegas Valley Water District	1001 S. Valley View Boulevard, Las Vegas NV	(702) 870-2011
Southern Nevada Health District	625 Shadow Lane, Las Vegas NV	(702) 759-1000
Water Reclamation District	5857 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas NV	(702) 668-8888
State of Nevada		
Division of Water Resources	400 Shadow Lane, Suite 201, Las Vegas NV	(702) 486-2770
Nevada State Contractors Board	2310 Corporate Circle, Suite 200, Henderson NV	(702) 486-1100
Utilities		
Nevada Power	6226 W. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas NV	(702) 402-5555
Southwest Gas	5241 Spring Mountain Road, Las Vegas NV	(877) 860-6020

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